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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Family and Friends:

The summer is growing hot and families are buzzing around on vacations and other fun things, occupying the available weather and time for family activities. One of these activities was our annual Allred Family Reunion, in Spring City, Utah, the 27th of June 1998.

It was a total success and every one reported having fun, a great lunch, good information to take home and it even looks like the little kids had a great time. I want to express my many thanks to every one who helped out on this Reunion. It took many hands, and an awful lot of time and effort to put it together and make it run so smoothly. I want to specially thank Bob Olson and his family for so very much more than meets the eye, they did a fantastic job with the picnic lunch and the banners and much more. Randy and LouAnn Borgstrom and family did a fantastic job on our Raffle. Markay Huffman and Coleene Thompson did an exceptional job on the games for the kids. Wayne Allred and family, WOW, what an exceptional job on the Photo Archives. And I guess the thanks could go on and on.

I was so excited having so many of our family from far away places here with us. They came from Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri, Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, California and of course Utah. And please, if there were some from any other state that I didn't mention, I apologize, I must not have known. But it made a very good reunion and I trust every one had as good a time as I did.

During our business meeting, one of our family members was called out of the room by the Utah Highway Patrol, having been notified of a death in her family. What a tragedy and our hearts went out and are still grieving for her and her family. For this particular family, there have been numerous deaths in the last year and it must have seemed beyond bearable for them. Our love and prayers go out to them.

In the afternoon we had another mishap. A family member was stung by a bee and went into some kind of shock. Medication was given, but apparently not in sufficient time. The paramedics were called and this member was taken to the Mount Pleasant hospital. I checked the next morning at the hospital and found that they had kept her for several hours, wherein she had become stable and recovered. They sent her home later that evening.

Our membership grew by TEN, at the reunion. Thanks to all of you, bringing your families. I am sure that much of that had been done prior to the reunion. I would very much like to encourage each of you to continue to talk to your families; sons and daughters, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters and even parents and grand parents; talk to them about the Allred Family Organization. With your enthusiasm, you are much more likely to bring your family members into the organization, than we are, people they don't quite know and have no trust. Please spread the word about the work we are doing and let us build this Organizations membership in the next year to over One Thousand. Come on Family, I know you can do it, and we need it in order to fulfill your needs and the needs of our future, our posterity.

We had some great winners of the Raffle, I thought you would like to know who they are. Martin Allred was the winner of the Quilt. Barbara Aylesworth was the winner of the Photo CD collection. Betty Smith, Jim Beecroft and Ali Dorsey were the winners of the Roster CD. Charles Allred was the winner of the 5-year membership award and Bill Olson the winner of the 10-year membership award. I think it is very ironic and just a fantastic thing when some one can take the value of what was given and return it in behalf of some one else. This is what Bill did. He turned around and donated \$200 dollars to another very special and needed fund.

We did have a couple things that we had planned and tried to do at the reunion this year, that didn't quite turn out very well, namely the walking tour. By the next reunion, we will have this worked out to where we are not dependant on any one else to accomplish it. We will have it all done ourselves. There were other things that we were hoping to have available for you, which also didn't quite work out. But were hoping and praying that they will next year.

If there are any of you with thoughts and ideas on how we can improve not only the reunion, but also our overall organization, please feel free to make us aware of them. In the meantime, I hope and pray that this next year is a great one for each of you, and that the Lords blessings will be poured out upon you. May you have health and happiness and prosperity in this New Year.

Sincerely and respectfully, your cousin,

Larry C. Allred, AFO President

GILES CHAPEL UMC HISTORY

by: Linda Allred Cooper

This is the second in my series of Randolph County church histories. As with the first, I've chosen a church with many Allreds members and buried in the church cemetery. Again, I want to describe the history of this church so those of you who aren't lucky enough to visit Randolph County can better understand some of your ancestor's history and culture. Most of this information comes from the official church history booklet written by Mrs. Norvin Greene in 1983 which contains the church memoirs of Mr. J. E. Pritchard. If anyone would like a copy of this booklet, just let me know.

Giles Chapel UMC can be found on the map of Randolph County by locating BUS HWY 220 as it travels south through the center of Asheboro. Turn right on the Old Liberty Road, turn right on Gold Hill Road, then left on Giles Chapel Road. The small red brick Church is just a short distance down this road on your left and has some of the most beautiful stained glass windows you'll ever hope to see. Large old shade trees are scattered around the building and a long table sits ready for Sunday fellowship dinners in the church yard.

The church "society" was first formed in May 1833 by the Reverend Alson Gray, brother of the Rev. Arrington Gray who founded Gray's Chapel. Giles Chapel was founded as a Methodist Protestant Church as remained as such until the Methodist Union. In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Edpiscopal Church South and the Methodist Prostentant Church merged. Some of the first members held the last names of Julian, Diffie and Giles. John C. Allred was the first Allred to become a member around 1834 during a "great revival of religion". Worship was held in a small log schoolhouse until March 29, 1876 when the membership had grown such that a larger building was needed. Some of the carpenters were A. M. Diffie, Aaron Allred and D. B. Julian. J. W. Allred contributed a "nice pulpit and lamps" for the new building.

J. E. Pritchard wrote in his church memoirs: "I want to return now to some of my earliest recollections of this church and mention some of the families who seemed to take a great deal of interest in the church. As I remember it, these we expected to see when we came to church. Those whom I remember best are: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Allred,, Daniel M. Allred and sister Leona,J. C. Allred and family,....."

Giles Chapel was made part of the Cedar Falls circuit in 1880. Other churches listed in that charge were: Asheboro, Cedar Falls, and Davis Chapel. These churches usually shared one pastor and tended to hold worship services on a rotating schedule which kept the pastor constantly traveling. Because of the constant traveling and revisions within the circuit charge, a parsonage wasn't built for Giles Chapel until 1922. Even then, revisions and changes within the circuit charge kept the pastor from moving in until 1924.

In May 1933, Giles Chapel celebrated it's 100th Anniversary. A huge covered dish dinner was enjoyed on the church grounds following the morning Worship Service. At the conclusion of the afternoon sermon, Dr. R. M. Andrews led the congregation to the cemetery where a marker dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Giles (who had donated the land for the church) was erected by J. C. Allred. One special feature of this anniversary was the singing of the Holy City by Dr. C. L. Gray of High Point

who was the great grandson of the Rev. Alson Gray who had founded the church a hundred years before.

J. E. Pritchard wrote in his church memoirs: "One thing which stands out very prominently in my memory is the old time class meetings which were held here from as far back as I can remember up to the time of the death of my father in 1913. Almost at every one of these meetings, which were held on the first Sunday in each month, there would be some shouting among some of the older members of the church. As a child, I would sit with my mother and tremble like a leaf, for shouting scared me almost to death. I could always tell when the shouting was about to begin, for when the testimonies began to show considerable emotion, someone would strike up an old hymn. By that time, my grandmother, Katie Connor and Aunt Cinda Connor, who was the wife of John M. Connor, Aunt Betsy Allred and Uncle Lemmy Davis, as he was familiarly called, would be going up and down the aisle shouting the praises of God aloud. It might be said that people of that day, or some of them at least, thought and lived in terms of the next world. Heaven was very real to them and was the topic of their conversation quite frequently and they fully expected to go there."

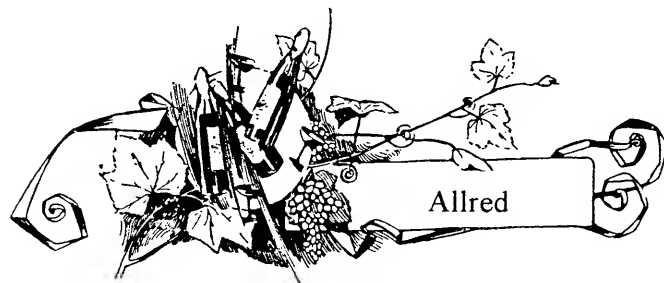
Some Allred graves you can find at Giles Chapel are: Elijah Allred (1820-1889), his wife Orpha (1827-1894), H. M. Allred (1856-1882), S. A. (Sampson) Allred (1868-1925), Robert Julian Allred (1835-1893), and John D. Allred (1851-1908). For a complete listing of Allreds buried at Giles Chapel, contact me.

NEW BOOK COMING OUT

One of the families that intermarried with the Allreds is the Brunsons, the descendants of Seymour Brunson. His son, Lewis was prominent in the settling of Filmore, Utah. I have written a book entitled, "Seymour Brunson, Defender of the Faith." Seymour was an early member of the LDS Church, served a mission in Southern Ohio, Virginia (now West Virginia) and Kentucky. He served as a commissioned captain in the Missouri Militia and led the Saints against the Missouri mos. He died in Nauvoo, Ill. In 1840. He is mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants and Joseph Smith introduced the doctrine of baptism for the dead at his funeral. This book is well documented in the main text and appendix. Many of the important land deeds and documents are included copied from the originals. The book should be completed in three or four months. It is of top quality with hard cover binding on acid free paper. The cost should be around \$20 to \$25 depending on the quantity printed.

Those interested may contact me: Ferron A. Olson - 1862 Herbert Ave. - Salt Lake City, UT or call (801) 583-1026

Note from Pat: Seymour Brunson's granddaughter married Ephriam Lafayette Allred, son of Reuben Warren.



GRAVEYARD HUMOR
Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

Reported to be found written on tombstones:

In a Georgia cemetery:
"I told you I was sick!"

.....
On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

Here lies
Ezekial Aikle
Age 102
The Good
Die Young.

.....
In a London, England cemetery:

Ann Mann
Here lies Ann Mann,
Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann.
Dec. 8, 1767

.....
In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread
And the Lord sent them manna,
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.

.....
Playing with names in a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:

Here lies
Johnny Yeast
Pardon me
For not rising.

.....
Memory of an accident in a Uniontown, Pennsylvania cemetery:

Here lies the body
of Jonathan Blake
Stepped on the gas
Instead of the brake.

.....
In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:

Here lays Butch,
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger,
But slow on the draw.

.....
A widow wrote this epitaph in a Vermont cemetery:

Sacred to the memory of
my husband John Barnes
who died January 3, 1803
His comely young widow, aged 23, has
many qualifications of a good wife, and
yearns to be comforted.

.....
A lawyer's epitaph in England:

Sir John Strange
Here lies an honest lawyer,
And that is Strange.

Someone determined to be anonymous in Stowe, Vermont:

I was somebody.
Who, is no business
Of yours.

.....
Lester Moore was a Wells, Fargo Co. station agent for Naco, Arizona in the cowboy days of the 1880's. He's buried in the Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:

Here lies Lester Moore
Four slugs from a .44
No Les No More.

.....
John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:

Reader if cash thou art
In want of any
Dig 4 feet deep
And thou wilt find a Penny.

.....
On Margaret Daniels grave at Hollywood Cemetery Richmond, Virginia:

She always said her feet were killing her
but nobody believed her.

.....
In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:

On the 22nd of June
- Jonathan Fiddle -
Went out of tune.

.....
Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont has an epitaph that

sounds like something from a Three Stooges movie:

Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

.....
More fun with names with Owen Moore in Battersea, London, England:

Gone away
Owin' more
Than he could pay.

.....
Someone in Winslow, Maine didn't like Mr. Wood:

In Memory of Beza Wood
Departed this life
Nov. 2, 1837
Aged 45 yrs.
Here lies one Wood
Enclosed in wood
One Wood
Within another.
The outer wood
Is very good:
We cannot praise
The other.

.....
On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts:

Under the sod and under the trees
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod:
Pease shelled out and went to God.

EAST COAST ALLREDS UPDATE

by: Linda Allred Cooper

Things are busier than ever here in Randolph County. Since the first of May I have visited with several new Allred cousins and have collected more Allred family tree info. Kathy Visi and I met on May 27th. She is a descendant of one of the "mystery Allred" lines. She has been able to trace her roots back to Lydia Allred (born sometime in the early 1830's in Randolph County). Family stories tell us Lydia was an exceptionally beautiful woman who had a long standing affair with Clement Hicks. Although they never married, they did have two children. Kathy and I are working on documenting exactly who Lydia's parents were.

While Kathy and I were in Franklinville, we visited the old Methodist Cemetery and found several Allred graves. One of them was the grave of John Allred, but the tombstone was broken and most of it was buried. With permission from the secretary at Franklinville Town Hall (you should have seen her face when we asked!), Kathy and I dug the tombstone up and found a great piece of information. Written on the stone were the words: John Allred, son of William and Patience Allred, born January 11, 1791, died September 15, 1853. Buried next to John was his wife Mary, daughter of John and Sophia Spoon, born February 22, 1801, died March 30, 1871. This was a great find!!! Anyone doing research in Randolph County knows there are many John Allreds and they all seem to have married someone named Mary. Figuring out who they all belong to is a real puzzle!!

On June 15th, I drove to Greensboro to meet William Darrell Allred, a descendant of Solomon through his son Phineas. Most of Darrell's family is buried at Giles Chapel UMC just north of Asheboro in Randolph County. We had a great visit over lunch at the K & W Cafeteria.

Then, on June 25th, I got on a plane and traveled to Spring City, Utah for the Allred family reunion! My first cousin, Dianne Allred, and her husband Tommy Allred (yes, she's an Allred who married an Allred) went with me and we had a BLAST! But let me tell you: Utah is definitely different from North Carolina!! There were no trees! We're so used to seeing tall Pines, Oaks and Maples with the shorter Dogwoods mixed in everywhere we look that seeing miles and miles of valley with absolutely no trees was quite a shock!! Even high in the mountains we saw very few trees!! We did see plenty of cows, sheep and cowboys though! We even had one encounter with a rattle snake - I didn't know Tommy could move that fast!!!

We met Don Allred (who compiles the Allred Family Roster) at the Salt Lake City airport and shared a rental van which we drove to Spring City. Once in Spring City, Don introduced us to Carl Pyper who showed us the antique tractors that he has restored. We spent Friday touring the southern "Dixie" area of Utah and visited Manti which has the most beautiful Temple sitting way up on top of a hill overlooking the town. What a sight!

At the reunion, we were able to meet all the Allred cousins that I've been talking to and working with via the Internet and phones. Putting faces with names was a real joy! I was able to show our Utah cousins a map of Randolph County with HWY 22 highlighted as "Allred Country" and we talked "Allred" until our mouths and ears gave out! Bob Olson and his brother fixed a wonderful lunch of hot dogs, bar-b-q chicken and hamburgers with all the fixings and we ate until we almost popped! What a

great time!!! Look for me again next year!!

Finally, on Monday, June 29th, I spent a great day touring the Family History Center in Salt Lake City with Dawnell Griffin and her daughter Sarah. We "ran into" another Allred cousin, Linda Herrick Smith, from Nebraska who was in town researching her family and we all ate lunch at the Lion House, former home of Brigham Young. Visiting and sharing information and stories was so fantastic and I want everyone to know that I really enjoyed the visit and appreciate the hospitality!!

Now, I'm back home and working on the East Coast Allred's newest project: a survey packet that Alice Allred Pottmyer and I are preparing to send to all the Allreds currently living in Randolph County. This packet will contain a letter introducing Alice and me and telling a little about our goals, a copy of the AFO newsletter, and a survey. The survey will ask questions that will hopefully let us know how interested they are in collecting and sharing their family histories. It will also ask if anyone is interested in organizing an Allred Family Reunion here in Randolph County similar to the one that use to take place at Gray's Chapel prior to the 1960's. Also, hopefully, the survey will turn up information on the elusive documentation that we are all looking for that will tell us who John, William, Thomas and Solomon were, where they were from, and why they moved to Randolph County. I just know someone somewhere in Randolph County has that information written down in their family Bible and it's just waiting for us to find it.

John Allred, who lives near me and descends from "my" Jesse Allred (1783-1844 Randolph County), has offered to help stuff envelopes when we are ready to put the packet together. We welcome all help if anyone else wants to join in. Just let us know! We also welcome all suggestions for survey questions!! You can reach Alice at "PottmyerA@aol.com" or me at "LACooper@CompuServe.com" or my mailing address: P. O. Box 415, Pittsboro, NC 27312. My home phone is (919) 542-3077 and I have an answering machine incase I'm not home when you call.



Left: Linda Allred Cooper Right: Dianne Allred
Holding the Allred Reunion Banner

GENEALOGISTS' AFFLICTION

If you're like most genealogists, you keep telling yourself you're going to get organized tomorrow, of course. Right after you track down greatgrandmother's parents. Good intentions seem to afflict genealogists, who often are almost hopelessly buried in piles of, data (electronic and paper) and projects.

A few years ago, I decided I had to simplify my genealogy goals in an attempt to complete several projects I had bubbling on the proverbial back burner. I had spread my interests too wide and was like someone on a treadmill - working like the devil but not going anywhere. I learned the hard way that I cannot do justice to researching dozens of family lines at once. I decided to pick a few lines that I most wanted to work on, compile what I had already done on some, and put the others aside - temporarily, of course.

Eventually my pile was whittled down to five families (still too many, but one can only get organized so much). Reflecting back over what I was able to accomplish and still work full-time - I am pleased to report that less can be best.

Here are some suggestions that might help you refocus on your genealogical goals:

Which ancestor do you most want to find? Put him or her down as #1 on your "MUST FIND" list. Focus on that individual.

Which families do you have the most information on? Research (also known as "the chase") is the fun part, but there comes a time when we should compile what we have gathered. It will surprise you to discover how much information you actually have. Arrange your data. Go back through the files you'll probably find some answers that you've overlooked. Spend some time inputting in to your genealogy software. Or put it into written form others can and build upon should you not be around to see what happens to our computers on January 1, 2000.

What documentation is needed most? You believe your John is the son of William, but you need more evidence? Focus on what records might exist that could provide this information. Perhaps you need to do some additional search on John's siblings. Focus on finding and studying the records that most likely will answer the questions.

Which family line do you want to focus on for the rest of this year? Pick one- only one- and call it your "family of the year." Splatter the electronic boards and Internet with your interest in this particular family. Let the world know about this family not just your ancestor, but all his siblings and the inlaws. There's cousins out there; find them.

Divide your time between research, analyzing and compiling. You might spend the rest of this summer doing research - in the field, visiting courthouses, libraries and cemeteries or getting acquainted with cousins at family reunions. When autumn and winter with less-than-perfect weather arrive, spend some dedicated time analyzing and compiling your research information. Write reports to yourself. They reveal the gaping holes, the data inconsistencies and other problems. Then you will be ready to plunge into the research with renewed vigor.

Focusing on fewer projects will enable you to accomplish more, perhaps even complete some. The quality of your work will be better also.

By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G.
1998, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Here is a quote by three year old David R. Bowlby, after his first visit to a cemetery with his genealogy crazed grandma, (Mary Floy Katzman). Submitted by Linda Herrick Smith

"A cemetery is where dead people live."

THE WILL OF WILLIAM DIFFY

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Transcribed by Dawnell H. Griffin, March 1990 with original spellings retained - editorial comments in brackets []

In the Name of God amen I William Diffy of randolph County and State of North carolina Being sick and in a Low state Health But of a perfect mind and memory Thanks Be to god For it Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing That it is appointed for all men Woncite [once] To Die Do make Constitute ordain and Confirm this my Last will and Testament that is to Say Principly and in the first place Recommending my Sole to god who gave it & my Body to Be Buried in Christian manner at The Discretion of Executors Nothing Doubting But what I shall Receive the Same again By the mighty Power of god and Touching Such worldly goods as it Hath Pleased god to Bless me with in This Life I Dispose thereof in manner following After all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges are paid Item I giv and Bequath to my well Beloved wife Two feather Beds and furniture Item I Giv and Bequath to my Son John my land on the South Side of Deep River as follows to wit at Joseph Haskets line Running the Course of the River till it Crosses the mouth of abrahams Creek Runing [?] [?] a south corner till it crosses the [?] Border Then to Continue the Same Course to the Limits of the Said [?] of Land Item I giv and Bequath to my Sd Son John one of my wagons I [?] bequeth to my sd Son John an half my Farming Implements I also give to my sd son John one Cow and Three Sheep Item I giv and Bequath to son Moses the Plantation where on I now Liv Containing 150 Acres of Land I Like wise Bequath to my Said Son Moses my Still and Still Tubs Item I giv and Bequath to my said Sone Moses my Black year old Colt Item I likewise giv and Bequath to my sd Son Moses my Neagrow Mary Daniel aftr The Decease of my wife I also giv to my sd Son Moses one Half of my Farming Tools Item I giv and Bequath to my Son William the Som of ten Shillings to Be payd out of my Estate at the Discretion of my Executrs Item I giv and Bequath to my Daughter Mary one Cow Item I giv and Bequath to my Daughter Elizabeth Two Cows Item I giv and Bequath to my Daughter Catran my yong Sorrel mair and Two Cows Item I giv and Bequath to my Daughter Sarah my old Sorrel mair & Two Cows Item I giv and Bequath to my Daughter Hannah one Feather Bed Item I also giv and Bequath to my sd wife my Sorrel Mair with a [?] in harness and Likewise all my Riggs and my will Further is That my other wagon Be Sold and the money Divided amongst my Family and I Doth hereby Revoke & disanul all other wills and Testaments By me maid Declaring this to Be my Last will and Testament and I Do appoint my Sons John and Moses Executors to this my last will and Testament Duly Executed according to the true and Intent & meaning thereof Signed Sealed and pronounst in the Presents of whose Names are under written the Second Day of December A D 1790

William Diffy (his mark)

George Foster
Emma[?] Williams (Copy Given)
Enoch Davis

State of North Carolina Randolph County March Term
1791 Proved in open Court By George Foster and Enziar [?] Williams
and ordered to Be Recorded
Jesse Harper

A STORY TO LIVE BY

by Ann Wells

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

My brother-in-law opened the bottom drawer of my sister's bureau and lifted out a tissue-wrapped package. "This," he said, "is not a slip. This is lingerie." He discarded the tissue and handed me the slip. It was exquisite; silk, handmade and trimmed with a cobweb of lace. The price tag with an astronomical figure on it was still attached. "Jan bought this the first time we went to New York, at least 8 or 9 years ago. She never wore it. She was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is the occasion." He took the slip from me and put it on the bed with the other clothes we were taking to the mortician. His hands lingered on the soft material for a moment, then he slammed the drawer shut and turned to me. "Don't ever save anything for a special occasion. Every day you're alive is a special occasion."

I remembered those words through the funeral and the days that followed when I helped him and my niece attend to all the sad chores that follow an unexpected death. I thought about them on the plane returning to California from the Midwestern town where my sister's family lives. I thought about all the things that she hadn't seen or heard or done. I thought about the things that she had done without realizing that they were special. I'm still thinking about his words, and they've changed my life. I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting on the deck and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time in committee meetings. Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experience to savor, not endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them. I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good China and crystal for every special event—such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, the first camellia blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market if I feel like it. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries without wincing. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties; clerks in hardware stores and tellers in banks have noses that function as well as my party-going friends'.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now. I'm not sure what my sister would have done had she known that she wouldn't be here for the tomorrow we all take for granted. I think she would have called family members and a few close friends. She might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles.

I like to think she would have gone out for a Chinese dinner, her favorite food. I'm guessing—I'll never know. It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew that my hours were limited. Angry because I put off seeing good Friends whom I was going to get in touch with—someday. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write—one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and daughter often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is...a gift from God.



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ALLRED FAMILY ROSTER UPDATE

By Donald Clemont Allred

My progenitors: (Clement TWIN, Ephraim Lafayette, Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas, Mr....)

Boring Stats

The Allred Family Roster keeps growing. Since the last newsletter we've added **2,400** names bringing the total to **117,853** names and **10,396** unique surnames.

The descendants count for the four supposed brothers is as follows:

Thomas	50,592 (796 added)
William	1,745 (no change)
Solomon	3,092 (no change)
John	9,988 (665 added)

There are also about 3,200 descendants in 75 families (a.k.a. "mystery families") not linked to the four families above.

Females

If you're new to genealogy it will help you to know that females are (usually) listed by their maiden name. For example: My sister and Allred Family Newsletter editor Pat is listed in the Allred Family Roster as: Mary Patricia Allred. Although she USED to be referred to as Pat Burnell and NOW may be referred to as Pat Scheib (welcome to the family Jerry), or Pat (Allred) Scheib, her birth certificate reads: Mary Patricia Allred.

Obituaries

Over the years a lot of information has been added to the Roster from obituaries. Since Tessie passed on, Donna Pyper has picked up the ball and has submitted obits to the Roster on a regular basis. Thanks Donna. Gail and Larry Allred recently sent in several thousand obits on floppy disks. Thanks guys. That should keep me busy for a while!

In order that the info be made available to the greatest number of people I'm considering putting the obits on-line (along with provisions for submitting obits). If this is of any interest, let me know.

Happy Birthday "Every Name Index"

On July 30th 1997 we tried a little experiment by placing the Roster descendants information on-line. In the last 12 months we've had about 50,000 searches by 6,000 different people! If you're doing Allred genealogy check it out at: <http://www.scvnet.net/~allred> and maybe save yourself some time.

Please let me know if the information on your family line is accurate. The "Every Name Index" on-line database does not contain place or marriage info (the main Roster database and the Roster CD do). I'll be happy to send you (at no charge) a complete descendants chart containing several generations of your family line either by e-mail or snail

mail if you can CLEARLY IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

Histories

If you have ANY family histories, diaries or journals that you'd like to share, send them to me for inclusion in a future edition of the Allred Family Roster CD-ROM. We accept submissions in just about any electronic format PLUS we now have a VOLUNTEER to type in histories as needed!!!

Modified Descendants Chart

We've added a modified descendants chart to the Roster CD. It's in the format:

- 1- Parent (record ID) birth/death date
(progenitors...)
- Marriages:
- s- Current Spouse birth/death date
- 2- child (record ID) birth/death date
- 2- child
- 2- child

An individual is listed as a child of their parents and also as a parent if they have children. The modified descendants chart serves as an alternative means to search out and identify people off-line.

Roster CD

The 30th Edition of the Allred Family Roster is available on CD-ROM. It contains over 12,000 pages of descendants charts, books and reports compiled over the last 10 years with the help of about 600 contributors. The price is \$19.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

To learn more about the Allred Family Roster Please visit us at:
<http://www.scvnet.net/~allred>

Till next time I remain one of your zillion cousins, Don
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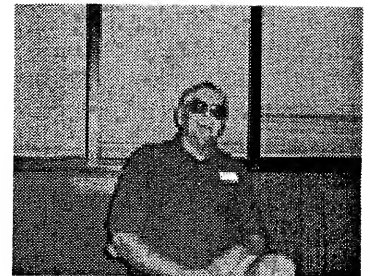
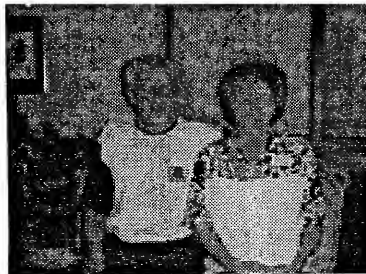
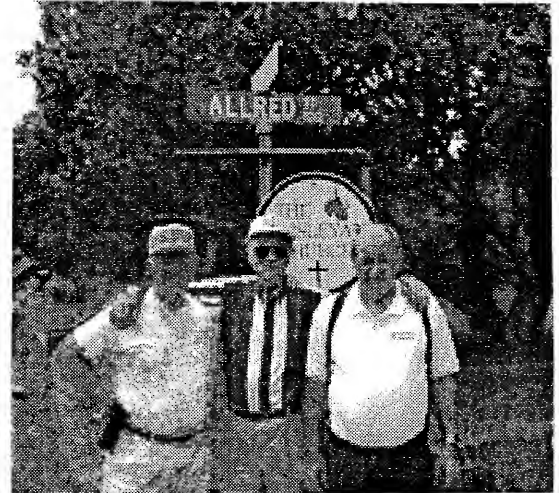
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